

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 8216 and 8225 of the Education Code, relating to child care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 701, as introduced, Simitian. Child care providers: referrals.

The existing Child Care and Development Services Act provides a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective system of child care and development services for children to age 13 years and their parents, including a full range of supervision, health, and support services through full and part-time programs.

The existing act establishes child care resource and referral programs to serve defined geographic areas and administered by public or private resource and referral agencies, to provide referrals to child care services and assistance to child day care providers.

Under existing law, funds appropriated for the purposes of the act may be used for child care resource and referral programs, which may be operated by public or private nonprofit entities, and for alternative payment programs to allow for maximum parental choice, including subsidies, choices, whenever possible, among hours of services, and child care and development services according to parental choice.

Under existing law, when making referrals, each agency operating both a direct service program and an alternative payment program is required to provide at least 4 referrals, at least one of which is to be to a provider over which the agency has no fiscal or operational control, as well as information to a family on the family's ability to choose a license exempt provider.

This bill, instead, would require each agency to provide at least 2 referrals to providers over which the agency has no fiscal or

operational control, and would delete the requirement that each agency provide information to a family on the family's ability to choose a license exempt provider.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8216 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 8216. When making referrals *to a family*, every agency
4 operating both a direct service program and a resource and
5 referral program shall provide at least ~~four~~ *two* referrals, ~~at least~~
6 ~~one of which shall be a provider~~ *to providers* over which the
7 agency has no fiscal or operational control, ~~as well as~~
8 ~~information to a family on the family's ability to choose a license~~
9 ~~exempt provider.~~

10 SEC. 2. Section 8225 of the Education Code is amended to
11 read:

12 8225. When making referrals *to a family*, every agency
13 operating both a direct service program and an alternative
14 payment program shall provide at least ~~four~~ *two* referrals, ~~at least~~
15 ~~one of which shall be a provider~~ *to providers* over which the
16 agency has no fiscal or operational control, ~~as well as~~
17 ~~information to a family on the family's ability to choose a license~~
18 ~~exempt provider.~~